



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 186

March 13, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives UNDERHEIM, ROBSON, OWENS, GOETSCH, ALBERS, BALDUS, HANDRICK, KAUFERT, HOVEN, HAHN, BOCK, URBAN, SCHNEIDERS, PLOMBON, GROTHMAN, OURADA, JOHNSRUD, HASENOHRL and SKINDRUD, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, HUELSMAN, BUETTNER, RUDE and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Health.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 341.14 (1a), 341.14 (1e) (a), 341.14 (1m), 341.14 (1q) and 343.51
2 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility for special registration plates and
3 identification cards for parking privileges for physically disabled persons.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a physically disabled person may apply for and obtain from the department of transportation (DOT) special motor vehicle registration plates or an identification card (ID card), or both, entitling a motor vehicle used by the physically disabled person to certain parking privileges. These privileges include parking in spaces reserved for use by such vehicles. The special registration plates or ID card also allow a physically disabled person to request that a service station employe pump gasoline for a motor vehicle used by the person and charge the person the same price as the station charges for gasoline pumped from a self-service pump.

To obtain special registration plates or an ID card, the physically disabled person is required to submit medical certification once every 4 years from a physician, chiropractor or Christian Science practitioner. A disabled veteran may submit medical certification from the U.S. department of veterans affairs.

This bill permits a physically disabled person to submit the medical certification from an advanced practice nurse or physician assistant.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 4 **SECTION 1.** 341.14 (1a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 341.14 (1a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered an
2 automobile or station wagon, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual
3 purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm
4 truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home,
5 submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a
6 physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse
7 licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant certified to
8 practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state
9 or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the
10 Christian Science journal certifying to the department that the resident is a person
11 with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall
12 procure, issue and deliver to the disabled person plates of a special design in lieu of
13 plates which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the plates.
14 The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the
15 fact that the vehicle is owned by a nonveteran disabled person and is entitled to the
16 parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the
17 registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of such plates.

18 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (1e) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.14 (1e) (a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered
20 a motorcycle, submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the
21 department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an
22 advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician
23 assistant certified to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice
24 chiropractic in any state, from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state
25 and listed in the Christian Science journal or from the U.S. department of veterans

1 affairs certifying to the department that the resident is a person with a disability
2 that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and
3 deliver to the disabled person a plate of a special design in lieu of the plate which
4 ordinarily would be issued for the motorcycle, and shall renew the plate. The
5 statement shall state whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if
6 temporary, the opinion of the physician, advanced practice nurse, physician
7 assistant, chiropractor, practitioner or U.S. department of veterans affairs as to the
8 duration of the disability. The plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law
9 enforcement officers of the fact that the motorcycle is owned by a disabled person and
10 is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition
11 to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the plate.

12 **SECTION 3.** 341.14 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.14 **(1m)** If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once
14 every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice
15 medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing
16 in any state, from a physician assistant certified to practice in any state, from a
17 chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state or from a Christian Science
18 practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal
19 certifying that another person who is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for
20 transportation is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk,
21 the department shall issue and deliver to the licensed driver plates of a special design
22 in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile or station
23 wagon, or motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck having
24 a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of
25 not more than 12,000 pounds or motor home, and shall renew the plates. The plates

1 shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the
2 vehicle is operated by a licensed driver on whom a disabled person is regularly
3 dependent and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No
4 charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal
5 of the plates. The plates shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

6 **SECTION 4.** 341.14 (1q) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.14 (1q) If any employer who provides an automobile or station wagon, or
8 a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a
9 gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight
10 of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home, whether owned or leased by the
11 employer, for an employe's use submits to the department a statement once every 4
12 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice
13 medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing
14 in any state, from a physician assistant certified to practice in any state, from a
15 chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state or from a Christian Science
16 practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal
17 certifying that the employe is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the
18 ability to walk, the department shall issue and deliver to such employer plates of a
19 special design in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle,
20 and shall renew the plates. The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law
21 enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated by a disabled person and
22 is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition
23 to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the plates. The
24 plates shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

25 **SECTION 5.** 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

